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MEDIA STATEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRE-QUALIFIED BIDDERS UNDER THE FIRST STAGE OF THE INDEPENDENT TRANSMISSION PROJECTS (ITP) PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME AND ADDITIONAL PREFERRED BIDDERS UNDER BID WINDOW 7 OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

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The Minister of Electricity and Energy, Hon. Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, today released the outcomes of (i) the conclusion of value for money negotiations under the seventh Bid Window of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP Bid Window 7) and ii) the recent evaluation conducted under the First Bid Submission Stage of the Independent Transmission Projects (ITP) Procurement Programme.

Minister Ramokgopa also provided an update on the current status of new generation capacity brought on-line during this financial year.

STATUS UPDATE ON IPP PROJECTS THAT HAVE RECENTLY ACHIEVED COMMERCIAL OPERATION

Minister Ramokgopa also congratulated eight (8) IPP Projects that have achieved Commercial Operation Date (COD) to date in 2025/26 financial year and are now delivering electricity to the national grid. These projects were procured under the Bid Window 5 of the Renewable Energy IPP Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) as well as the Risk Mitigation IPP Procurement Programme. The projects that have achieved Commercial Operation Date (COD) in FY2025/26, totalling 800 MW, include:

Bid Window	Project Name	Lead Developer	Commercial Close Date	Commercial Operation Date	Province	Technology	Contracted MW
REIPPPP BW5	Grootfontein PV 1	Scatec SA	28 June 2023	06 December 2025	WC	PV	75,00
REIPPPP BW5	Grootfontein PV 2	Scatec SA	28 June 2023	06 December 2025	WC	PV	75,00
REIPPPP BW5	Grootfontein PV 3	Scatec SA	28 June 2023	06 December 2025	WC	PV	75,00
REIPPPP BW5	San Kraal WEF	EDF Renewables	09 November 2022	11 December 2025	EC	OW	140,00
RMIPPPP	Umoyilanga Energy	EDF Renewables	28 November 2023	One facility in Early Operation (EOP) on 6 November 2025, Second facility in construction	NC	Wind, PV, BESS	75,00 (55.06 in EOP)
REIPPPP BW3.5	Redstone Solar Thermal Power Plant	ACWA	04 April 2018	31 May 2025	NC	CSP	100,00
REIPPPP BW5	Brandvalley Wind Farm	Red Rocket	23 February 2023	24 April 2025	WC	OW	140,00
REIPPPP BW5	Rietkloof Wind Farm	Red Rocket	23 February 2023	24 April 2025	WC	OW	140,00

An additional total of 1 610 MW from 15 projects is currently in construction and are expected to come on-line during 2026 and 2027.

Since the inception of the Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (IPPPP) fifteen years ago in 2010, a total of 8 161 MW of contracted capacity from 103 private sector projects have reached commercial operation. On average, these completed projects have taken around 28 months to complete, which demonstrates the commitment from all parties in the public-private partnership to ensure that electricity is brought online quickly and affordably.

RENEWABLE ENERGY INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME BID WINDOW 7

The Seventh Bid Window of the REIPPPP (REIPPPP BW 7) was designed to facilitate the procurement of up to 5 000 MW on renewable energy capacity, comprising 1 800 MW Solar PV and 3 200 MW Onshore Wind capacity.

Eight (8) Solar PV Compliant Bids, with a combined capacity of 1 760 MW were announced by the Minister on 23 December 2024 and appointed as Preferred Bidders.

Following technology reallocation from Onshore Wind to Solar PV as provided for in the Request for Proposal (RFP), the Department announced on 21 July 2025 the appointment of an additional six (6) Preferred Bidders under this Bid Window to provide 1 290 MW of Solar PV new generation capacity. At the time, the Department also announced that it would enter into Value For Money (VfM) negotiations with a further eight (8) compliant bidders that were eligible for appointment as Preferred Bidders, subject to positive VfM outcomes. These included four (4) Solar PV and four (4) Onshore Wind eligible bidders.

Minister Ramokgopa is pleased to announce that the evaluation of the VfM proposals from the Eligible Bidders have been completed by the Independent Bid Evaluation Committee, and that the following four (4) Preferred Bidders have been appointed to provide a total of 890 MW of Solar PV capacity, based on their evaluated Value for Money Proposals:

Project Name	Main Developer	BBBEE Partners	MW	Price (R/MWh)	Price Points (X/90)	ED Points (Y/10)	Total Points (X+Y)/100	Province	Nearest Sub-Station
Rondebosch Solar Park	Red Rocket South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBY Energy • Jade-Sky Energy • Red Rocket Opportunity Trust 	240,00	532,99	65,989	6,820	72,809	Free State	Rockdale
Springhaas Solar Facility 1	Red Rocket South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBY Energy • Jade-Sky Energy • Red Rocket Opportunity Trust 	240,00	532,99	66,201	6,130	72,809	Free State	Artemis
Springhaas Solar Facility 6	Red Rocket South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBY Energy • Jade-Sky Energy • Red Rocket Opportunity Trust 	170,00	532,99	65,989	6,820	72,809	Free State	Artemis
Corona Solar PV Project	ENGIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cennergi Holdings • Community Trust 	240,00	532,00	65,989	6,820	72,331	North West	Theseus

With this announcement, the total capacity procured under the REIPPPP Bid Window 7 now amounts to 3 940MW. The capacity will be built by 18 Solar PV IPP projects, spread across the Limpopo, Free State, North-West and Mpumalanga provinces.

The total investment from the additional four (4) Solar PV Preferred Bidders announced today is R16 billion. South African Equity Participation of 49% across all the Preferred Bidders and average Black Economic Empowerment participation of 40% have been committed by these projects. These commitments will be translated into contractual obligations under an Implementation Agreement that will be signed by the Department and the four (04) projects.

From an economic development perspective, these projects have committed to:

- creating a total of 4134 job opportunities for South African citizens (measured in job years) during both the construction and operational phases of the contracts.
- allocating 41% of Total Project Costs to Local Content, equating to R4.4 billion during construction and R2 billion during the operation and maintenance phases.
- invest a further R163 million in economic development initiatives, including supplier development, skills development, bursaries for black students, skills development initiatives for disabled persons, and socio-economic development initiatives in communities during construction and over the 20-year lifetime of the projects.

INDEPENDENT TRANSMISSION PROJECTS (ITP) PROCUREMENT APPOINTMENT OF PRE-QUALIFIED BIDDERS

Seven (7) Pre-Qualified Bidders have been appointed under the Request for Pre-Qualification (RFQ) stage of Phase I of the ITP Programme.

This stage of the ITP Procurement Programme marks a defining milestone in Government's strategic drive to expand, modernise and strengthen South Africa's transmission network through diversified delivery mechanisms and sustained private sector participation, in support of long-term economic growth, industrial development and national energy security.

The RFQ was launched on 31 July 2025, with Responses submitted on the Response Submission Date of 23 September 2025. The evaluation process, conducted by an

Independent Bid Evaluation Committee under strict security measures, took place at the IPP Office. The independent evaluation was conducted against clearly-defined Legal, Technical and Financial Pre-Qualification criteria as set out in the RFQ.

On the Response Submission Date, the Department received a total of 17 pre-qualification responses. Following the independent evaluation process, the following seven (7) Pre-Qualified Bidders have been appointed:

No	IPP ID No.	Name of Respondent	Lead Member
1.	IT_10078	Adani Power Middle East Ltd – Momentous Energy (Pty) Ltd Consortium	Adani Power Middle East Limited
2.	IT_09993	AREF Cobra Transmission Consortium	Grupo Cobra South Africa Holdings (Pty) Ltd
3.	IT_10010	Consortium Pulse Infrastructure	Celeo Redes S.L.
4.	IT_10067	EITP Consortium	Okavango Projects SA (Pty) Ltd
5.	IT_10060	State Grid Consortium	State Grid International Development Co., Ltd.
6.	IT_10058	The Hyperion Consortium	EDF EN South Africa (Pty) Ltd
7.	IT_10030	Transmission Africa Consortium	China Southern Power Grid International (HK) Co., Ltd

Since the ITP Procurement Programme is the first of its kind in South Africa, the Department has adopted a structured, transparent and market-building procurement approach to test market depth, refine bankability parameters, and ensure investor readiness through a sequenced process comprising:

- a) Request for Information (RFI), which was released on 15 December 2024 and closed on 28 February 2025;
- b) Request for Pre-Qualification (RFQ) that was released on 31 July 2025;
- c) Draft Request for Proposals (Draft RFP) which will be released to Pre-Qualified Bidders on receipt of the signed acceptance of their Pre-Qualified Bidder appointment letters; and
- d) Final RFP, which is anticipated to be released by Quarter 3 of the 2026/27 calendar year.

This structured market consultation, unprecedented in South Africa's transmission procurement, ensures that the final RFP will:

- Be a fit-for-purpose RFP that reflects market realities, lender expectations, and international best practice
- Enable early identification of technical and commercial barriers, thereby minimising post-release clarifications
- Enhance investor confidence, signalling government's commitment to transparency, predictability, and collaboration
- Provide a strong foundation for competitive, high-quality bids that support timely financial close
- Reduce downstream clarifications once the RFP is formally released; and
- Reinforce South Africa's reputation for transparent, credible, and world-class energy procurement.

LOCALISATION AND INDUSTRIALISATION AT THE CENTRE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

Localisation and industrialisation remain central pillars of South Africa's economic strategy and are critical to rebuilding productive capacity, creating sustainable employment, and strengthening economic resilience. As the country undertakes one of the largest transmission infrastructure build programmes in its history, Government is intentionally leveraging this investment to stimulate domestic manufacturing, deepen local value chains, and position South African industry at the centre of the energy transition.

Through the Independent Transmission Projects (ITP) Programme, large-scale infrastructure investment is being aligned with clear industrial policy objectives to ensure that growth in the electricity sector translates into tangible economic and developmental outcomes. By prioritising local production, skills development, enterprise participation and technology transfer, the Programme seeks to crowd in private investment while simultaneously supporting local industry, expanding industrial capability, and securing long-term economic value for the country.

The Minister outlined the Economic Development framework embedded in the Draft Request for Proposals (RFP), which positions the Independent Transmission Projects (ITP)

Programme as a key lever for economic growth, industrial development and job creation. Bidders will be required to support South Africa's localisation and industrialisation agenda through the inclusion of minimum amounts of local production and local content, as prescribed by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic), in their bid submissions. The ITP Programme is structured to leverage industries, sectors and sub-sectors designated by the dtic for local production at prescribed local content levels. This approach is intended to deepen domestic manufacturing capability, strengthen local supply chains, support skills development, and maximise the broader economic and developmental impact of sustained investment in transmission infrastructure.

A wide range of industries and value-chain segments are expected to benefit from the ITP Programme's localisation and industrialisation drive, including, among others, steel products and components for construction; transformers, shunt reactors and associated equipment; electrical cable products; powerline products; and other designated items as determined by the dtic: <https://www.thedtic.gov.za/sectors-and-services-2/industrial-development/industrial-procurement/>.

The National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP), which has been in effect since September 1996 and applies to all government procurement contracts with imported content of US\$10 million or more, will be applicable to the Independent Transmission Projects (ITP) Programme. NIPP obligations will apply to those products, sectors or sub-sectors forming part of a bidder's project that are not designated for local content, or where local content requirements are not applicable. Where a project includes imported content of US\$10 million or more, bidders will be required to undertake a NIPP obligation equivalent to 30 percent of the value of the imported content. This obligation will be discharged over a seven-year period through qualifying activities aligned to the bidder's Economic Development commitments, including capital investment, outsourcing to SMMEs and BEE-owned SMMEs, skills development and training, technology transfer, research and development, export promotion, licensed production, and subcontracting.

The ITP Programme remains on track to unlock large-scale investment in transmission infrastructure and is being implemented in a manner that upholds bankability, transparency, and credibility, which are key conditions for long-term investor confidence.

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